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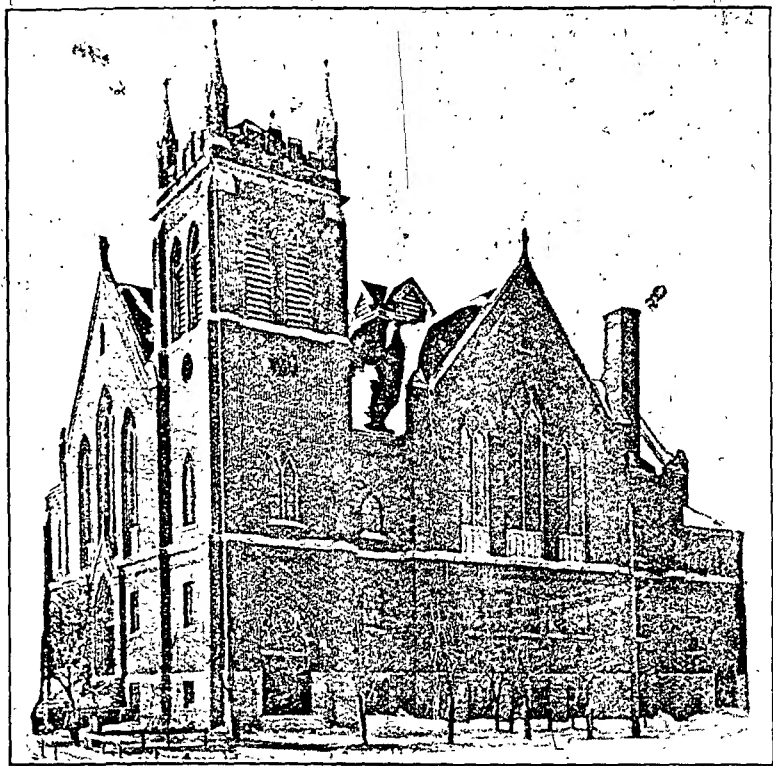
Silver Jubilee
1885 - 1910

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ST. GILES' PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
Burrows Ave., Winnipeg.

PROGRAMME

Sunday, March 20th, 1910—

11 a.m.—Rev. D. B. Whimster.

3 p.m.—Sunday School Rally.

7 p.m.—Rev. Dr. Hogg.

Monday, March 21st—

REUNION.

Music, Addresses and Refreshments.

Wednesday, March 23rd—

Lantern Entertainment for Sunday School.

Friday, March 25th—

8 p.m.—PREPARATORY SERVICES.

Sunday, March 27th—

11 a.m.—Communion Service.

7 p.m.—Rev. Hugh Hamilton, Kildonan.

Monday, March 28th—

LECTURE

“Treasures of the British Empire.”

Rev. J. L. Gordon, of Central Congregational Church.



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This sketch does not attempt to tell the story of the past twenty-five years. To do so would require many volumes. Its purpose is to outline a few of the leading events which mark the development of the life of the congregation. There are so many whose names deserve to be recorded that I have had to omit all excepting those whose official position required their being mentioned.

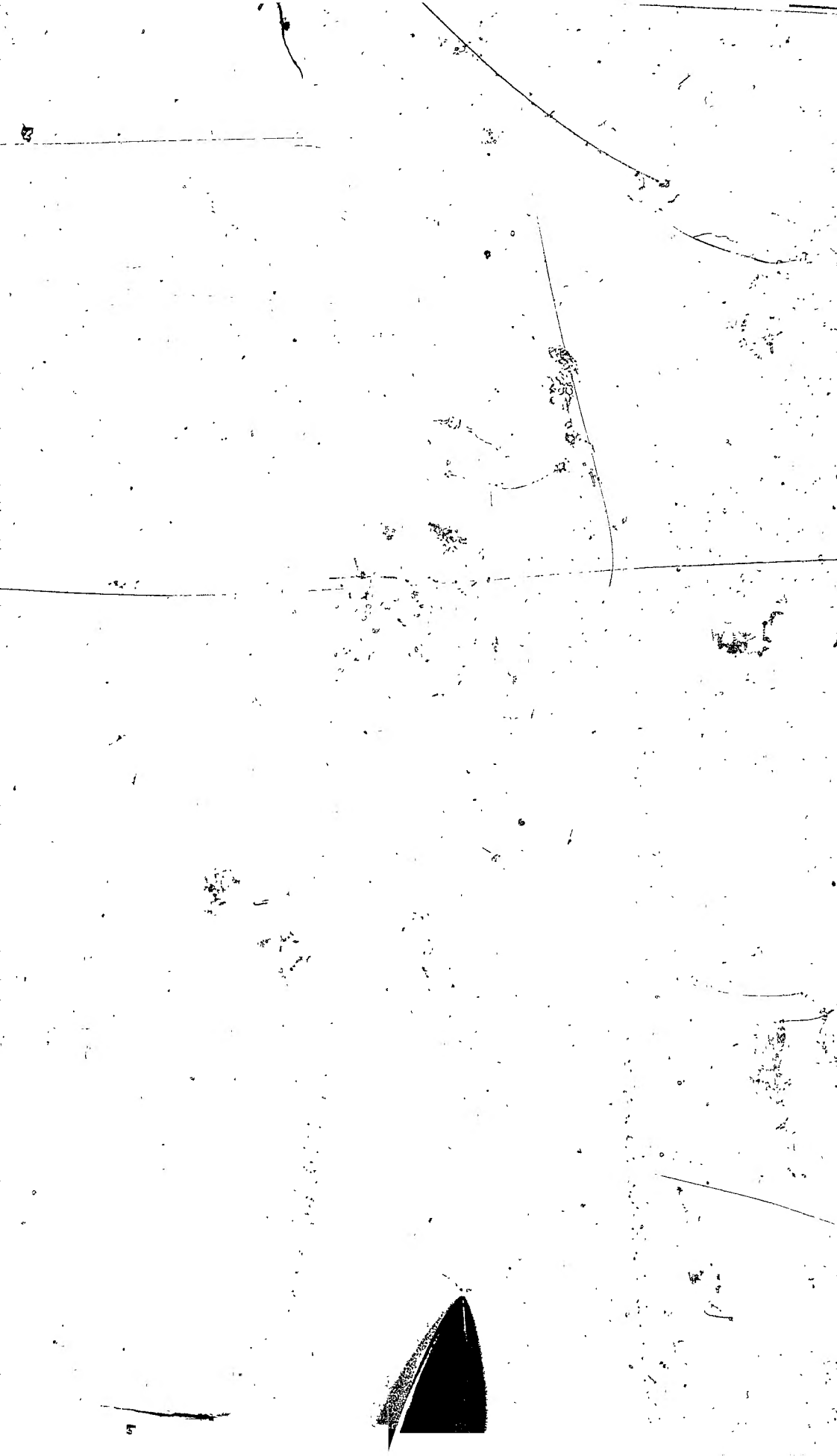
This should be an occasion of much rejoicing.

The retrospect is inspiring and we should be encouraged by the experiences of the past to give ourselves in earnest endeavor to the solution of the problems which confront us today.

It is a delight to all that the two former pastors are present at this time. They are both doubly welcome. Upon them and the congregation may the abundant blessing of God be poured and may this reunion inspire us all to more serious effort and quicken in our lives the purpose to extend the Kingdom of our Master, who wins our hearts by His tender love that He may lead us to serve one another.

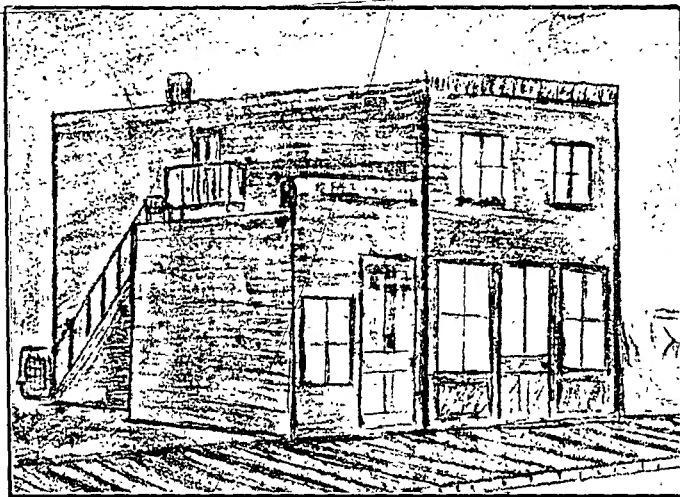
Yours faithfully,

W. A. MACLEAN.



RETROSPECT.

The district now occupied by St. Giles' church in the early eighties belonged to the congregation of St. Andrew's. In the interest of the work of this congregation Mr. S. G. Matheson, an elder of St. Andrew's church, held cottage prayer meetings at several points north of the C. P. R. tracks. These meetings served to bring the Presbyterians scattered over a considerable district together, and soon the question of organizing a mission and erecting a suitable building arose. Services were conducted by Rev. D. B. Whimster in the building known as Bishop's store, near the corner of Main Street and Burrows, and a Sunday School was organized.



BISHOP'S STORE, MAIN ST. AND BURROWS AVE., WHERE FIRST SERVICES WERE HELD.

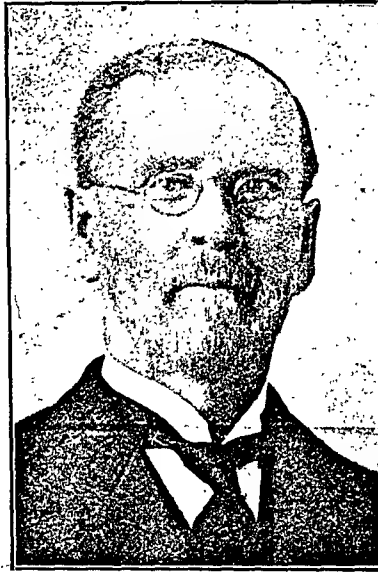
In April, 1884, the procuring of a site for the erection of a building was discussed in St. Andrew's Session and in July Messrs. Matheson and Russell were associated with Rev. C. B. Pitblado to take the necessary steps in connection with the same.

The first recorded minute in connection with the organization reads as follows:

"Messrs. A. Polson, R. T. Brasier, G. W. Grant, Andrew Syme and Rev. D. B. Whimster, also Mesdames Grant, Polson and Blackburn, met according to public

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announcement duly given, at the house of G. W. Grant, Lusted Street, to confer concerning, and arrange for, the Presbyterian Mission in the north end of the city of Winnipeg this Monday evening, the 24th day of November, 1884."



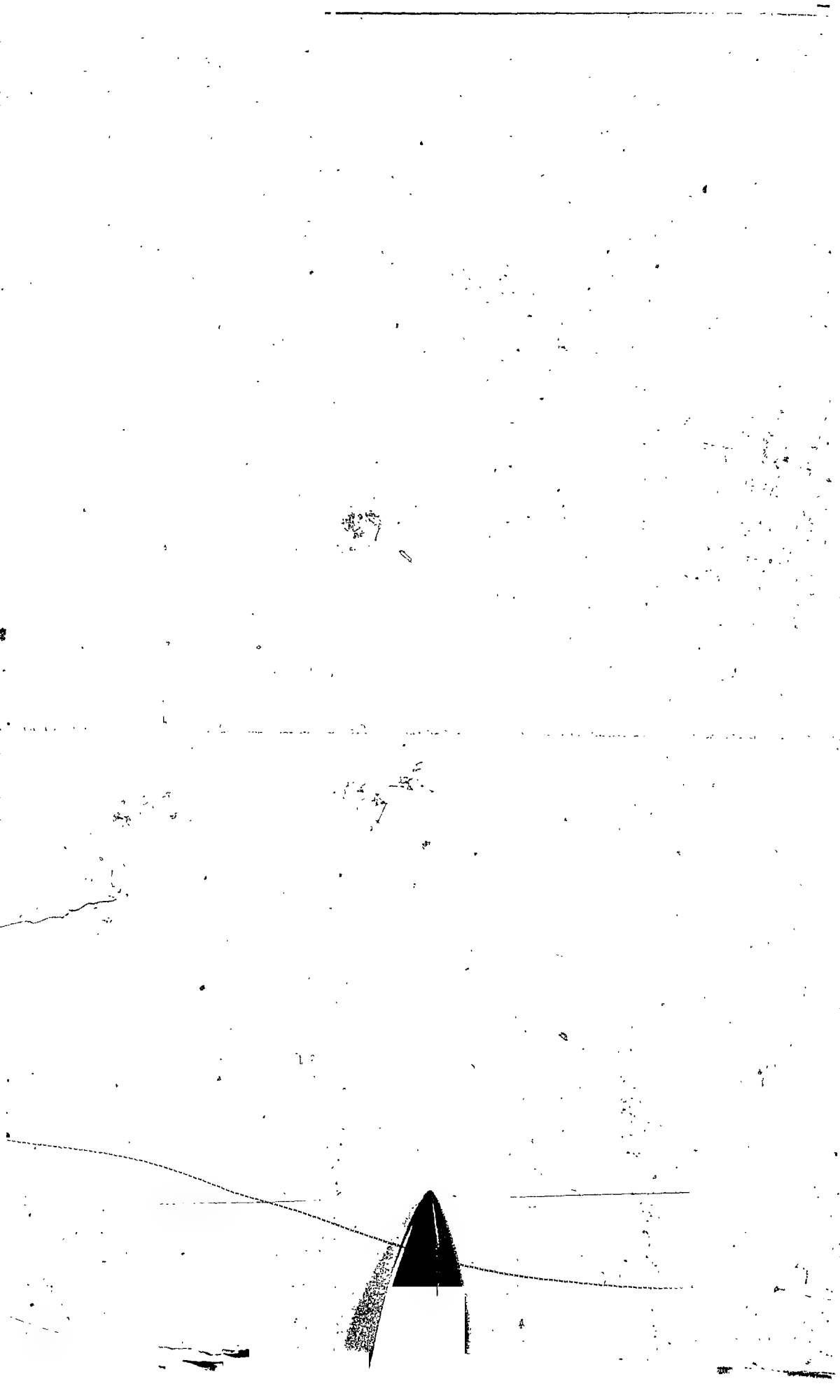
REV. D. B. WHIMSTER.

"Messrs. Polson, Grant, Brasier, Bell and Syme were appointed a committee of management and Mesdames S. Polson, Bell, Brasier, Grant, Blackburn and A. Polson and Miss M. J. Muirhead a committee to visit in the district in the interests of the preaching services and the Sunday School. Arrangements were made for a weekly cottage prayer meeting to begin December 4, 1884.

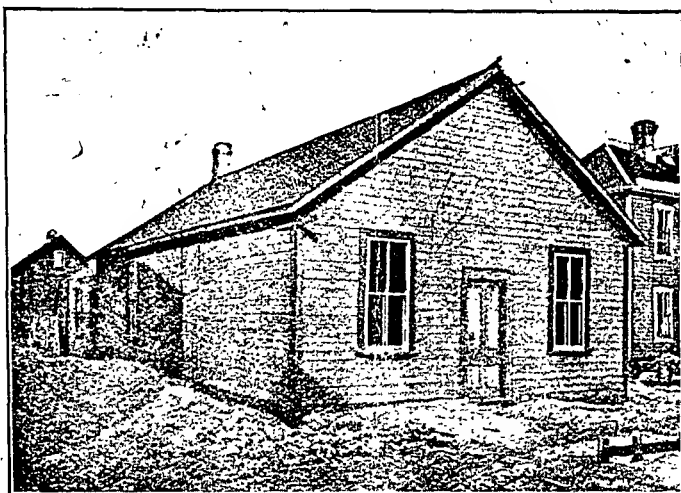
This meeting was closed with prayer by R. F. Brasier."

These early services in Bishop's store grew until their development necessitated the looking after larger accommodation. A new site was secured on the corner of Main Street and Limit (Aberdeen). Plans were submitted for a building 40x24 with a 10 ft. ceiling and the tender of Andrew Syme was accepted on January 12, 1886, for the erection of the same for the sum of \$436.00.

On March 18, 1886, the Presbytery recognized the petition of the Mission for separation from St. Andrew's and granted the same.



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FIRST CHURCH, COR. MAIN AND ABERDEEN.

The building was proceeded with at once, and on March 28, 1886, the first church was formally dedicated. The loyal men and women who stood faithfully by this first endeavor to give point and visibility to their religious convictions are worthy of all praise and the succeeding generation has profited much by reason of their earnest and devoted service.

There were three services on the opening day, Rev. Dr. King preaching in the morning, Rev. D. B. Whimster in the afternoon and Rev. J. Pringle of Kildonan in the evening. It is of interest to note that the members at the various services were 79 in the morning, 65 in the afternoon and 105 in the evening. A Committee of Managers to look after the financial interests of the congregation was then elected consisting of S. Polson, H. T. Bell, R. T. Brasier, A. Syme, C. McBean, A. Thom and A. Blackburn.

Mr. A. Syme was appointed chairman, R. T. Brasier secretary, and H. T. Bell treasurer.

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CYRUS McBEAN.

A member of the first Managing Board, Trustee Board and Session, and actively associated with the work of the church throughout its history.



A. H. BEARS.

Mr. Bears became a member of the Managing Board in 1888 and served in that capacity for many years. He was contractor for the Selkirk Ave. church

At the annual meeting in January, 1887, Messrs. McBean, Syme and Bell were appointed Trustees for the congregation. In March of the same year the Presbytery of Winnipeg erected an interim session to consist of Rev. D. B. Whimster, G. D. McVicar and James D. Conklin.

The membership roll submitted at the first meeting of session was found to contain thirty names.

Mr. Conklin was appointed session clerk and representative elder to Presbytery.

In March, 1888, Mr. Whimster indicated his purpose to resign owing to the condition of his health. In April, at a farewell gathering an address from the congregation to Mr. and Mrs. Whimster, appreciative of the services both had rendered to the church and community, was read and a presentation made of a purse of gold. Prof. Hart was appointed Moderator and the services of Norman H. Russell were secured for the congregation. Mr. Russell ministered most acceptably to the people and the interest and attendance increased.



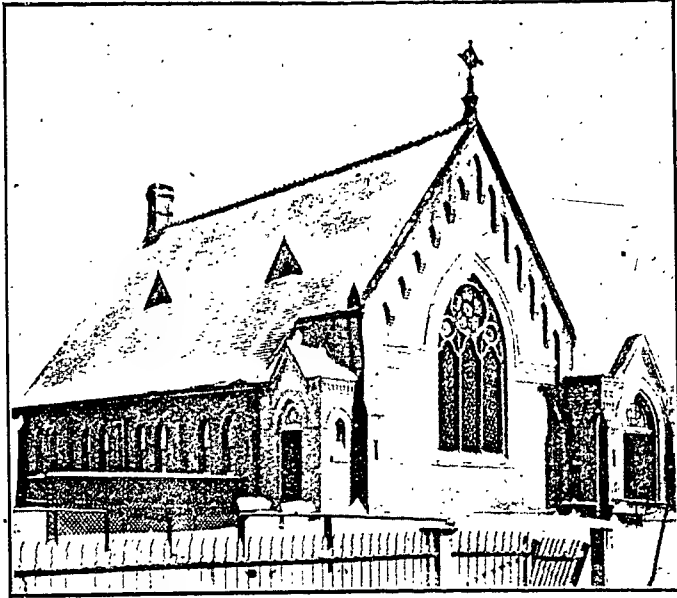
REV. NORMAN H. RUSSELE

Although the new church had been erected but two years the accommodation was not sufficient and in October, 1888, it was decided to erect a new building and a Building Committee of Messrs. Syme, Bears, Arbuthnot, Craig, McBean and McKay was appointed. Mr. Syme was appointed chairman and Mr. Craig secretary-treasurer.

The next year the property on Selkirk and Pritchard Avenues was purchased for \$600.00.

Plans for the new church were drawn by Mr. John W. Grieve, tenders called for and the contract awarded on July 2, 1889, to Messrs. Bears & Read for the sum of \$2899.00.

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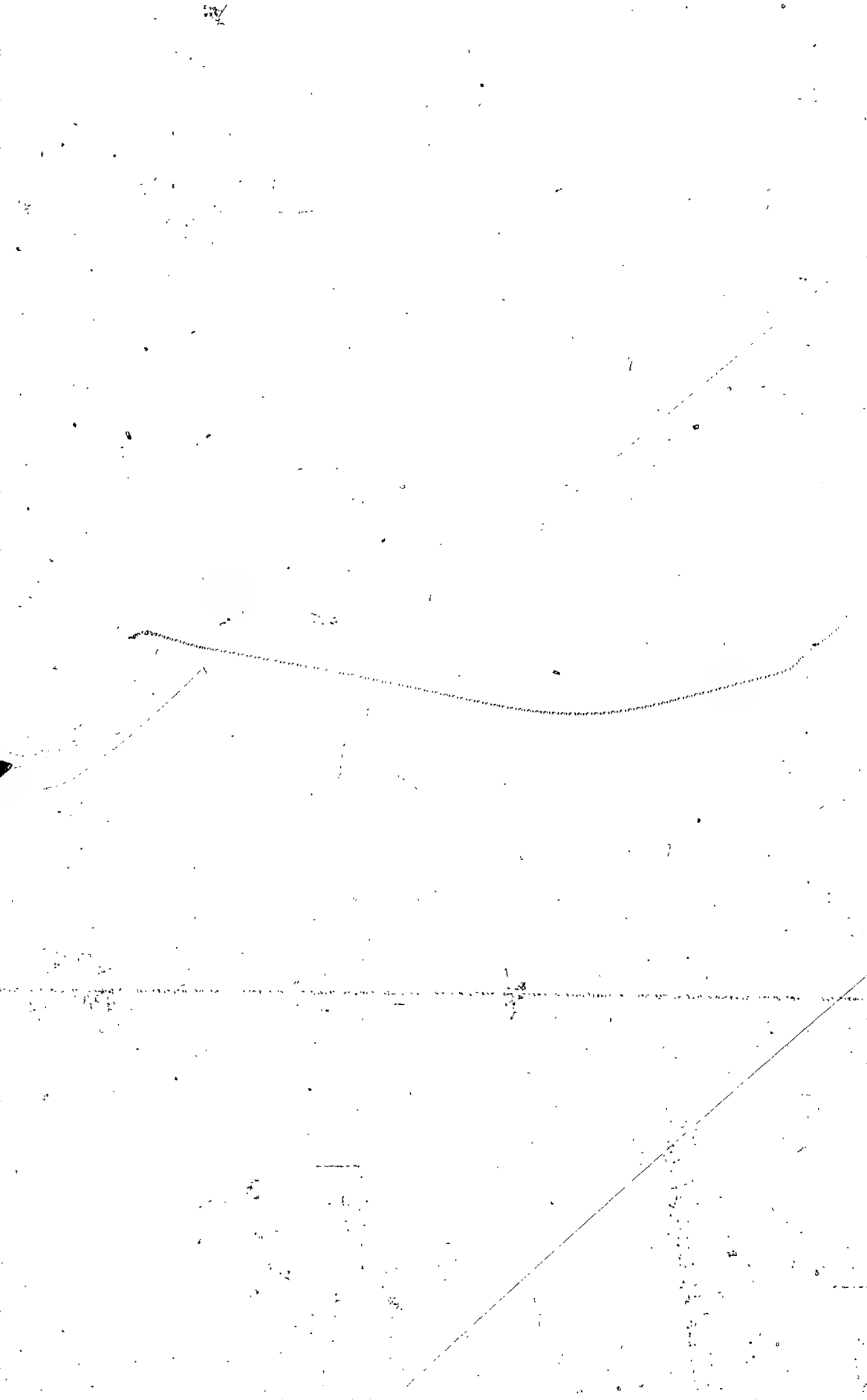


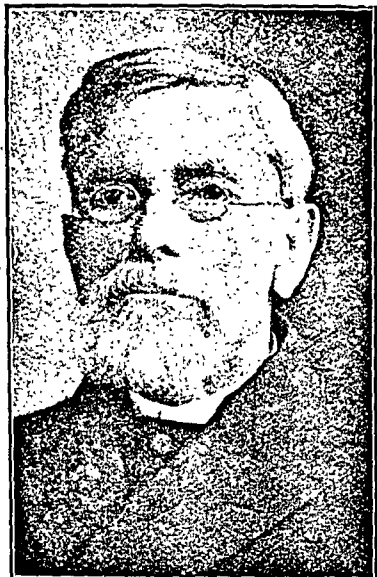
SECOND CHURCH—SELKIRK AVE. CHURCH.

On Sunday, December 1st, 1889, the building was dedicated, Rev. Hugh Pedley of Central Church preaching in the morning and Rev. Joseph Hogg in the evening. The first session was elected on March 5th of the following year and comprised John Craig, Cyrus McBean, Donald Fraser, E. Turnbull. Mr. Craig was elected clerk and Mr. Fraser representative elder. Mr. Norman Russell having been laid aside for some time by sickness, and thus having been forced to give up his charge of the congregation, the managers were instructed to secure if possible Rev. John Hogg to take charge of the church.

Mr. Hogg's services were secured and his work having been most acceptable to the congregation action was taken to secure him as permanent pastor.

A call was issued signed by 75 members and 74 adherents, which was sustained by the Presbytery and accepted by Mr. Hogg.





REV. DR. HOGG



REV. W. A. MACLEAN.

The induction took place on May 12, 1890, on which occasion Rev. Joseph Hogg presided. Rev. D. Anderson preached the sermon, Dr. Duval addressing the minister and Rev. A. B. Baird the people.

For fifteen years Mr. Hogg continued to minister to the welfare of the people, his preaching being marked by a strong, sane, evangelical note, which, combined with sound doctrine, laid a sure and permanent foundation for the building of Christian character. The growth of the congregation brought them for the third time to face the proposition of a new building and Mr. Hogg, owing to increasing years not feeling equal to the duties involved in the new obligation on February 22nd sent his resignation to Presbytery. The Senate of Manitoba College, in recognition of his long and faithful services to the church's work, conferred on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Shortly after this the congregation extended a call to Rev. W. A. Maclean, of Oak Lake, Man., and on July 13th, 1905, Mr. Maclean was inducted as pastor.



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JOHN S. MOWAT.

Congregational Secretary for 19 years and member of the Board of Managers for 16 years; is Chairman of the Board for 1910.



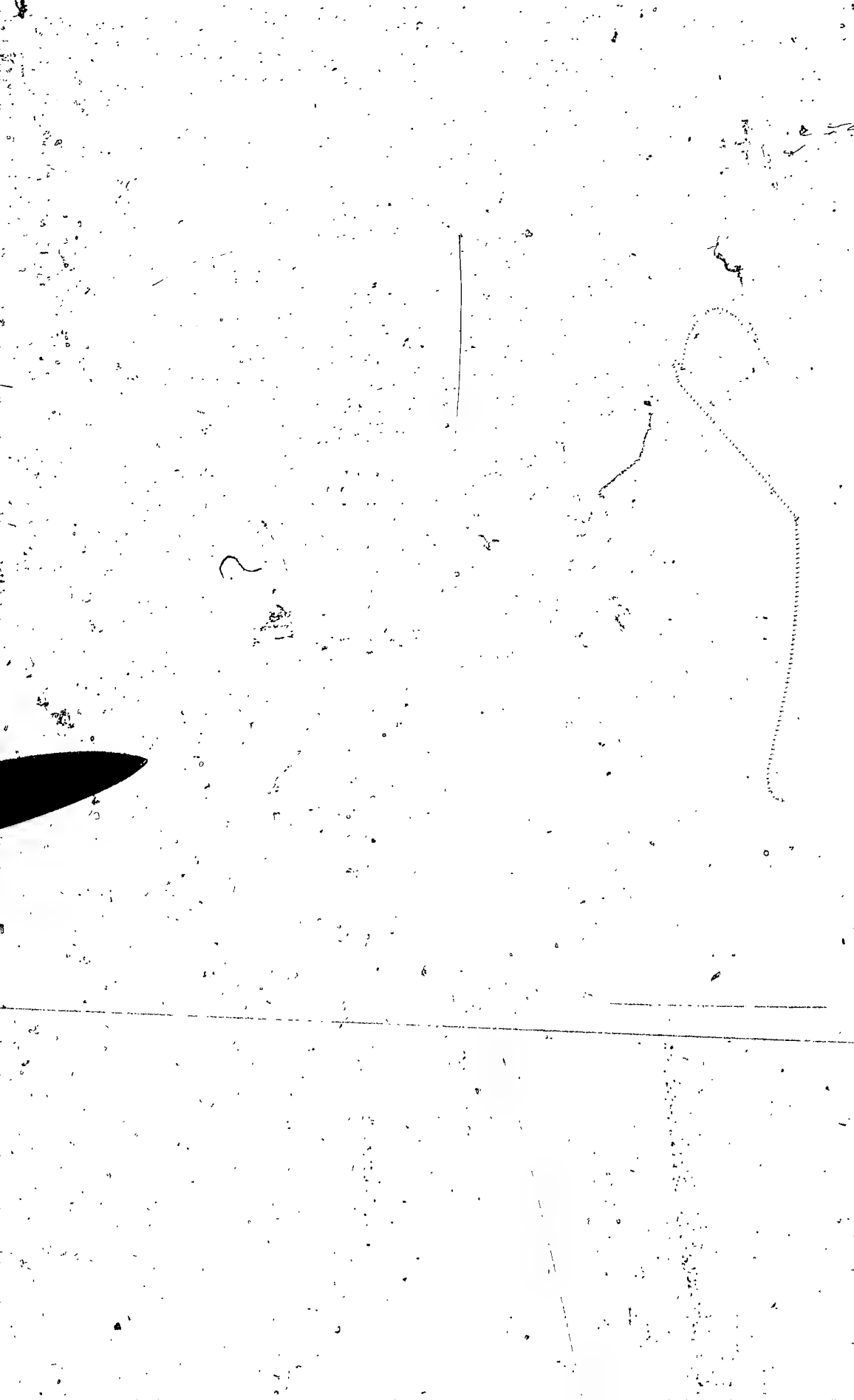
PETER ARNOT.

Actively associated with the Sunday School and Christian Endeavor work. Chairman of the Board Managers for several years.

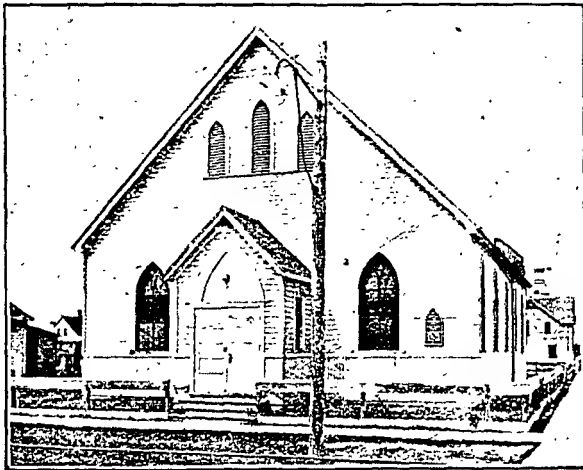
The large increase in the population of the district made it necessary to secure more accommodation. A gallery was erected in the church and steps were taken for securing a new site for the third church building.

After much counselling and discussion a site was procured on the south-west corner of Burrows and Charles Streets and upon plans drawn by Charles S. Bridgman the present comfortable and commodious building was erected, under the direction of a building committee composed of Messrs. Bell, Delmage, Bears, McKay, Carder, McBean, Ross, Arnot, Sinclair, Mowat and Maclean.

Mr. McBean was elected chairman and Mr. Mowat secretary-treasurer, and such progress was made that the corner stone was laid on July 25th, 1907, by Rev. Principal Patrick of Manitoba College.



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DUFFERIN AVE. CHURCH.

The last service in the Selkirk Avenue church was held on March 8th, 1908, and on the following Sunday, March 15th, the new church was dedicated. Truly this was a great day for St. Giles'. Rev. Principal Patrick presided and the sermons were preached by Rev. E. A. Henry of Regina, Dr. Hogg and Rev. Hiram Hull, of the McDougal Methodist church, assisted in the service.

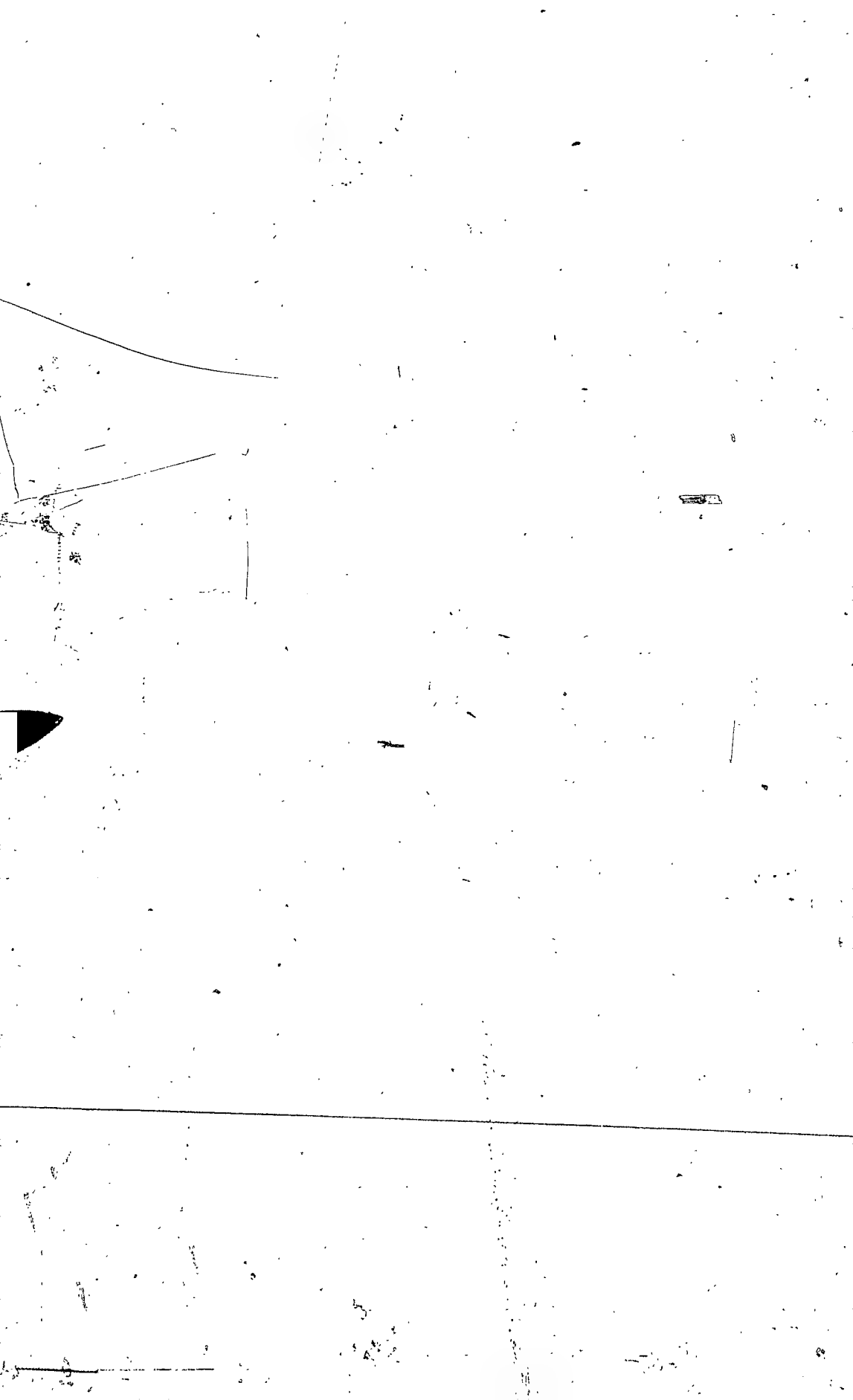
The services were continued on March 22nd when Rev. Clarence McKinnon of Westminster preached in the morning and Rev. Dr. Sparling of Grace Methodist church in the evening.

The annual reports presented in January for 1909 show activity in every department of the church's work.

The value of the present property is \$55,000.

The present membership is 482 and includes the names of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus McBean and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fulton who were on the first communion roll formed.

The congregation is in good heart and rejoices in this reunion which marks the 25th year of its existence.



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LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

The beginning of the work of this society dates back to the beginning of the congregation although they were not formally organized until 1886. The names of the first members were Mesdames S. Polson, Syme, Bell, Whimster, Blackburn, Bushell, Miss McDonald, Miss Hozaek, Miss Bratnobar, Miss Taylor and Miss Hope.

Mrs. Whimster was elected president and Mrs. Bell secretary. This society has ever been most active in its endeavor to meet the requirements of the church. To them is largely due the credit of paying the mortgage on the old church property and they have been the most reliable helpers of the managers in financing various projects of the quarter century.

Their activities have been directed recently to visiting the new comers and trying to make the strangers in our midst feel at home. In this they have succeeded admirably and their activity has made many people feel they are not forgotten although entire strangers in the city.

Mrs. W. H. Sinclair is President for 1910.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

In the interests of the Mission Schemes of the church the women of this society, organized in 1890, distributed copies of the Record and collected by monthly visitation from the various families of the congregation.

In 1892 an auxiliary of the W. F. M. S. was formed which continued active in the interests of the foreign work until last year when it joined with the auxiliary of the W. H. M. S. which was organized in 1905, and the missionary work, Home and Foreign, is now carried on under one organization.

Mrs. Mackie is President for 1910.

YOUNG PEOPLES' WORK.

The first activities of the young people of the congregation were directed along the line of missionary endeavor, and with a large measure of success. In 1896 a Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor was formed and was the means of enlisting a number of active workers in the interests of the congregation.

In 1907 a Young People's Association was formed which sought to enlist the co-operation of the young people in social, literary, musical and devotional service. During the summer months the members join other associations of the city in outdoor recreations, such as baseball, football and tennis clubs.

Mr. S. E. Diamond is president for 1910.

YOUNG MEN'S CLUB.

This is a men's organization and has for its object those features which appeal to young men.

Sunday afternoon they meet for Bible Study in their Club Room at 3 o'clock under the leadership of Mr. Truesdale. The Gymnasium class meets twice a week in the basement for instruction.

Their Intermediate football team captured the cup given for the Presbyterian Athletic Association League competition. The team's record was most creditable having passed through the season without a defeat.

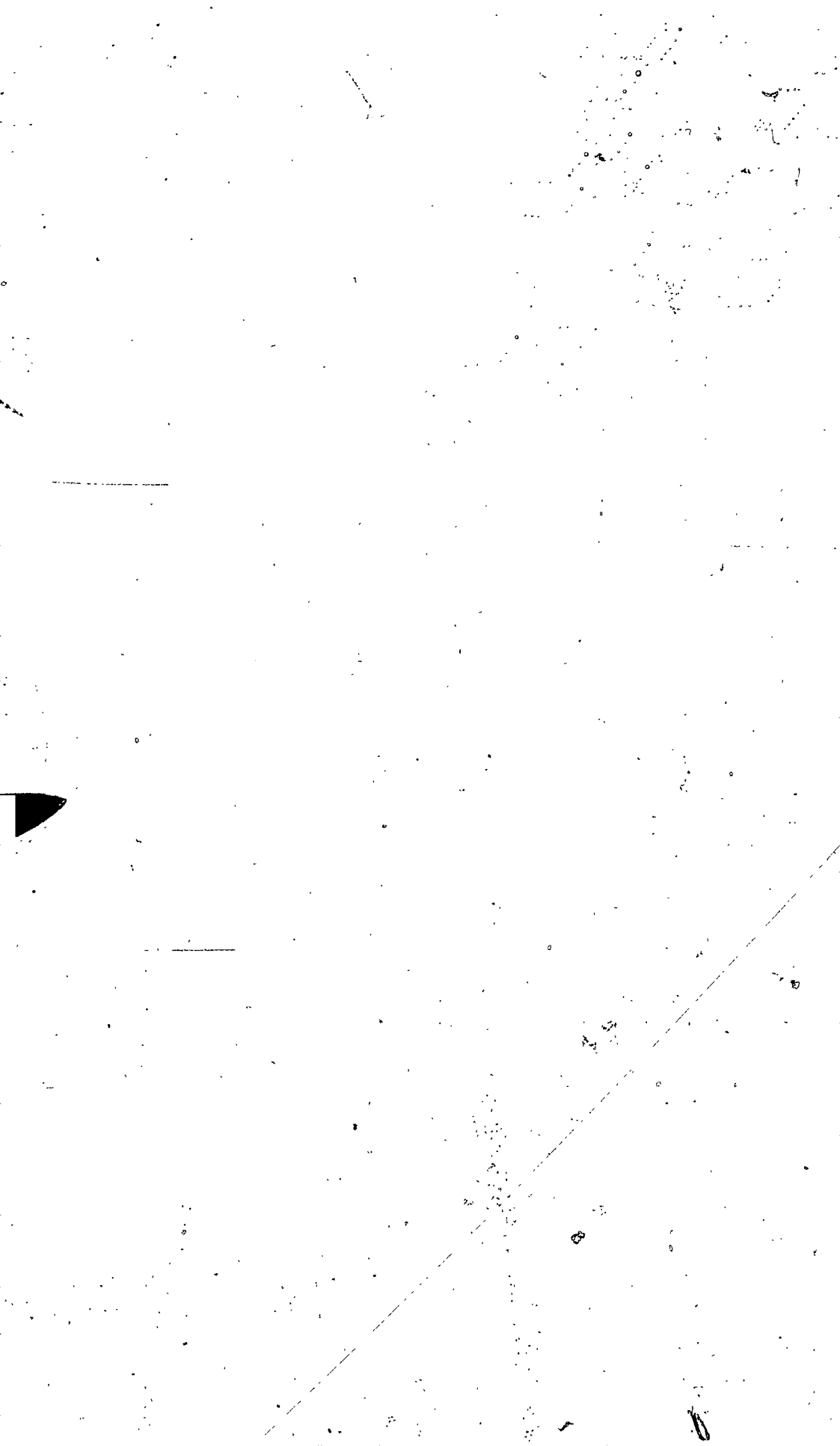
Mr. Robert Guthrie is president for 1910.

DEVELOPMENT

In 1894 the congregation erected a manse for their minister and in 1895 the name by which the congregation was known "The North Presbyterian Church" was changed to "St. Giles."

The needs of the district to the west became most evident as the city was growing rapidly in that direction and in 1901 the Session made arrangements for the erection of a Mission building on Dufferin Avenue. Here a Sunday School was organized and services were held on Sunday nights with W. A. Hunter of Manitoba College in charge.

The work made marked progress under the care of Rev. J. G. Biteon and in 1907 the congregation called the Rev. Alex. McTaggart as their first pastor. The work is prospering and arrangements are being made for building on a new site.



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ST. GILES' SUNDAY SCHOOL CHOIR.
Winners of the Challenge Banner, 1909

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The interest in teaching the young people of the congregation has always occupied a large place in the hearts of the workers of St. Giles.

The Sunday School is older than the congregation and has been a splendid agency in winning and training workers for the general work of the congregation.

Samuel Polson, John Craig and J. W. Sutherland have acted as Superintendents Mr. Craig having been in that office for seventeen years.

Mr. Maclean has occupied the position for three years.





SESSION.

Back row from left: J. F. Mills, John Maxwell, Wm. Carder, John Hill.
Second row from left: James Frazer, T. J. White, Rev. W. A. Maclean, Cyrus McBeath, J. W. Sutherland.
Front row from left: Hugh MacKenzie, John Bishop.

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THE SESSION.

The Interim Session appointed by Presbytery consisted of Rev. D. B. Whimster, Moderator, George D. McMeVicar and James D. Conklin. Owing to Mr. McVicar's health Dr. Agnew was appointed to act in his place. The first voting for members of Session resulted in the election of Messrs. Cyrus McBean, John Craig, Donald Fraser and E. Turnbull. Since 1890 many additions have been made and the following are the names of those added to the roll of Session:

Messrs. Hozack, Green, Syme, Whyte, Beath, John McLean, McLaughlin Sutherland, Wm. McLean, Carder, White, McKenzie, Mills, Maxwell, Hill, Bishop, Arnot and Fraser.

The first break in the ranks of the Session occurred in 1909 when Matthew Hozack passed away. He was closely associated with the work of the Session Managers and the Sunday School and, although not so active in recent years, he had rendered excellent services in the various offices to which he had been elected.



JOHN CRAIG.

Member of the first Session and Clérk for 21 years; Sunday School Superintendent for 17 years and member of the Managing Board for many years.

While this record was in course of preparation word has been received of the death of Mr. John Craig in British Columbia. For 21 years he was closely associated in every department of the church work, and the congregation sustained a great loss upon his removal to the west. He was universally esteemed and the results of his unselfish service will long remain with his fellow workers of St. Giles.

OFFICE BEARERS.

SESSION.

Rev. W. H. Maclean, Moderator.	James Fraser, Clerk.
Cyrus McBean	John Maxwell
J. W. Sutherland	John Bishop
T. J. White	J. E. Mills
Wm. Carder	John Hill.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

John S. Mowat, Chairman.	George Loos, Secretary.	W. R. Moffat, Treasurer.
Robert Johnston	A. Truesdale	Duncan Morton
R. D. Templeton	W. A. Mackie	Robert Patterson
W. H. Sinclair	James Ross	S. E. Diamond.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

John S. Mowat	W. H. Sinclair	W. R. Moffat.
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LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

President—Mrs. W. H. Sinclair
First Vice President—Mrs. H. Scott
Second Vice President—Mrs. Duncan Morton
Secretary—Miss MacKenzie
Treasurer—Mrs. T. J. White.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

President—Mrs. Mackie
First Vice Pres.—Mrs. John Macmillan
Second Vice Pres.—Mrs. T. J. White
Secretary—Miss Campbell
Treasurer—Mrs. J. S. Mowat
Tidings Secretary—Mrs. E. E. Erb
Pioneer Secretary—Mrs. Harry Scott.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Superintendent—Rev. W. A. Maclean
Assistant Superintendent—John Hill
Secretary—Arthur Guthrie
Assistant Secretary—Gilbert Beatson
Pianist—Miss Alice Megrund.

TEACHERS.

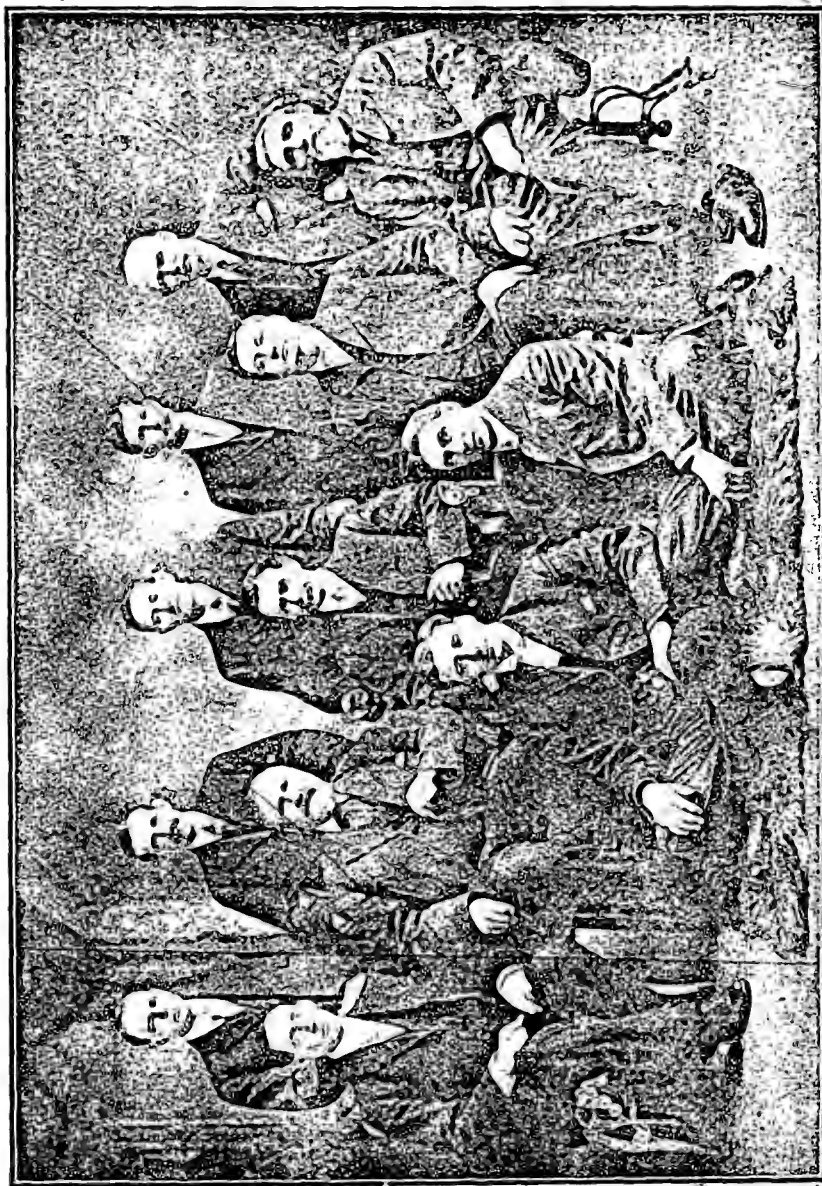
Beginners—Alma Kean.
Primary—Minnie McBean, Marion McKay.
Junior—Rose McLellan.

INTERMEDIATE.

Miss Ross, Mr. Day, Miss Matheson, Miss A. Megrund, Mr. E. G. Frick, Mrs. Delmage, Miss McLeod, Mrs. Sullivan, Miss Kelly, Mr. R. Fraser, Miss Hollinger, Miss J. Ferguson, Mr. Jas. Fraser, Miss Billington, Miss Jacobs, Miss G. Parker, Mr. Hill, Miss Mowat, Miss J. Fraser, Mr. Percy Ross, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. A. Taggart, Mr. Steele, Mr. Paterson, Miss Stella Fraser, Mr. Niven, Mr. S. H. Smith, Mr. Pasmore.

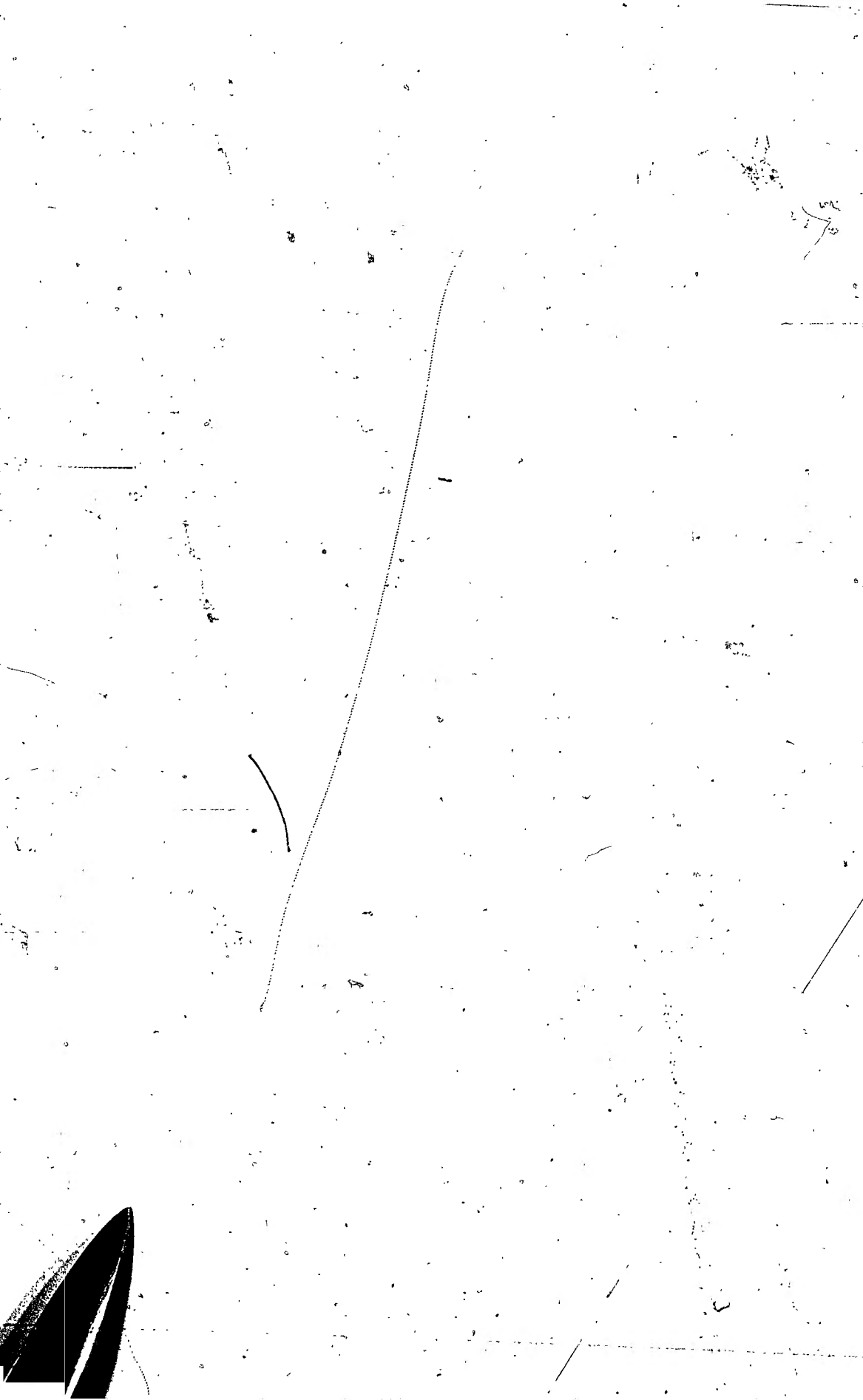
Young Ladies' Class—Mrs. Syme
Young Men's Class—Mr. Truesdale

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BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Back row from left: W. A. Mackie, A. Truesdale, D. Morton, W. H. Sinclair, James Ross.
 Second row from left: W. R. Moffat, Treasurer; Robert Patterson, John S. Nowat, Chairman; R. D. Templeton, Robert Johnston.
 Front row from left: S. E. Diamond, George Loos, Secretary



YOUNG PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION.

Hon. Presidents, Dr. Hogg and W. A. Maclean.
President—S. E. Diamond
Vice President—Percy Ross
Secretary-Treasurer—G. A. Millan
Recording Secretary—Miss Jennie Hunter
Press Correspondent—A. Guthrie
Pianist—David Steele.

YOUNG MEN'S CLUB.

President—Robert Guthrie
Vice President—S. E. Diamond
Secretary—Percy Ross
Treasurer—Alfred Bears.

THE MANAGING BOARD.

The first Board of Managers consisted of Andrew Syme, Chairman; R. T. Brazier, Secretary; H. T. Bell, Treasurer; S. Polson, C. McBean, A. Thom and A. Blackburn.

Since the appointment of this Board many men have been elected to serve in this capacity and the congregation owes much to the unselfish service rendered by the various Managing Boards throughout the years since its organization. The present board consists of John S. Mowat, Chairman; George Loos, Secretary; W. R. Moffat, Treasurer; Robert Johnston, R. D. Templeton, W. H. Sinclair, A. Truesdale, W. A. Mackie, James Ross, Duncan Morton, Robert Patterson, S. E. Diamond.

THE CHOIR.

The congregation is under great obligation to the many willing volunteers who from the beginning to the present have given freely of their time and talent to this part of the church service.

Among those associated as leaders in this capacity we find Miss Waugh, Andrew Grieve, John Horne, Mr. Wardell, Miss Hogg, Miss Spark and Mr. Spark.

At the present time the position of organist and choir leader is occupied by Mrs. James Billington, who has been most successful in gathering a company of singers who lead the service of song most acceptably. The present choir consists of the following:

MEMBERS OF THE CHOIR.

Mrs. Billington, Leader.

Mrs. Geo. Mitchell, Miss Janet Ross, Mrs. Bloom, Miss Jean Aker, Miss Lena Fraser, Miss May Ivison, Mrs. Merrill, Mrs. Green, Miss Ruth Lytle, Miss Eva Thornton, Miss Marie Morrison, Miss M. Fulton, Mrs. H. Scott, Mrs. H. McMillan, Miss Ethel Lockwood, Miss Irene Billington, Miss Esther Beeby, Miss Martha Fulton, Miss Nellie Melfort, Miss Mary Aker, Miss Mary Black, Mrs. Paul, Mrs. Morton, Miss Katie Binney, Miss McAuley, Miss I. McLean, Messrs. Victor Scott, A. C. Bloom, J. S. Kelly, S. A. Restall, Wm. Carder, McAuley, S. H. Bailey, Jas. Billington, A. Griffin, P. Ross, R. J. Campbell, M. H. Garwood, L. Anderson, Frank Lucas, E. Day, P. B. Logan, Geo. Mitchell, Thos. Ferguson, John Hill, Mr. Lester, A. Taggart.

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HUGH MACKENZIE,
Missionary to Honan.

Mr. Mackenzie was for eight years an active member of the church, serving in many offices with much success. On Feb. 9th, of this year he left for China to occupy a new post in connection with the progress of the work there. He was universally esteemed by the whole congregation and his going has deepened the interest of the church in the Foreign work.